

Review Paper:

Comparing the Spiritual Care Perceived by Nurses and Family Members of Patients Admitted to the Pediatric Ward of Imam Reza Hospital in Kermanshah



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ABSTRACT

Background: Spiritual care plays a key role in creating relaxation for patients and their families. Nurses' perception of spirituality can affect their communication with patients and their families. This study aimed to investigate the spiritual care perceived by nurses and families of patients admitted to the pediatric wards of Imam Reza Hospital in Kermanshah, Iran.

Methods: This study is a comparative analysis conducted in 2017. Participants were 116 people (58 nurses and 58 family members of patients) in Imam Reza Hospital selected using convenience sampling technique. Data were collected using a two-part questionnaire composed of a demographic form and spiritual care perspective. The validity and reliability of the questionnaire was determined using content validity and test-retest methods. Data were analyzed in SPSS V. 24 software using independent samples t-test, ANOVA, Tukey's post-hoc analysis, and Pearson correlation test.

Results: The mean perceived spiritual care of nurses and family patients were 87.78 and 92.25, respectively. There was a significant difference between the two groups ($p < 0.001$) where family members of patients perceived spiritual care higher than nurses.

Conclusions: Considering the importance of spiritual care for the health and relaxation of patients and their families, it is essential for nurses to implement spiritual care in their clinical practice. Developing spiritual care policies and training courses in this regard are recommended as an educational intervention.

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